

Minutes of Waukesha County Airport Operations Commission  
September 10, 2014

Chairman Crowley called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. Commissioners present: Vice-chair Bluemke, and Betzler. Excused: Commissioner Madrigano and Schoepke

**Others Present:** Lee Ward, Tenant; Ken Witt, Air Traffic Controller; Vince Ferguson, Flight for Life; Jim Singer, Flight for Life; Airport Operations; Kurt Stanich, Airport Manager; Roger Dibble, Venture; Val Ramos, Airport Administration; and Matt Grenoble

Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence in memory of 13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of September 11, 2001 and lost lives on that day and also in memory of Ronald Hutchinson who passed away recently. Mr. Hutchinson was a pilot and long tenant at Waukesha County Airport.

Stanich – Attended visitation for Mr. Hutchinson. There were many in attendance, Ron was very well liked and loved flying.

**Approve modify minutes of July 9, 2014**

Motion to approve meeting minutes of July 9, 2014 by Vice-chair Bluemke with second by Commissioner Betzler. Motion passed.

**Public Comment/Correspondence**

Witt – The Tower received a great review upon inspection by the Federal Contract Tower Program Office (Washington, D.C.). They were very impressed with the airport and management.

**Chairman's Report** - None

**Operation's Report**

**Fuel**

July showed no change in Jet A or 100LL.

August showed a decrease in Jet A, 100LL same as 2013.

**Traffic Activity**

July – Decrease in General Aviation itinerant. This is a trend in similar size airports (air taxi and general aviation declining). Waukesha air taxi showed increase.

August – Operations still going down, 16% decrease from 2013.

**Operations**

Crack sealing on taxiway C & B and runway 18/36. NOTAMS will be issued to advise pilots of work to be done. Wildlife activity (geese) is very high this time of year.

**Airport Manager's Report**

**Snow removal**

Proposals came in for snow removal RFP, four bids were received. There were some significant changes made to the previous contract. The proposals will be reviewed and a decision made by October 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Runway Project 10/28**

Good news, cost of project came in lower than anticipated, so there will be a cost in savings. The bids are in and will be awarded by the Department of Transportation. Looking at project start in May 2015. Runway 10/28 closure dates are May 2, 1025 to August 15, 2015. There will be a significant loss to the airport but savings in the long run.

Crowley – The airport will be proactive with communication to tenants, businesses and users on the project. A public meeting will be held for questions and answers on the project.

### **Terminal Building Upgrade**

Capital project to make the terminal building more functional. The control tower is also being considered for changes.

### **Report on Wings Over Waukesha**

Except for the weather on Saturday, the turnout for the event was good. To date the best air show at the airport. On Saturday the fog and low ceiling made it difficult for plans to get through. During the two day event there were many various activities provided for those in attendance. Vendor revenue good, WOW merchandise went well, the volunteers were great, sponsors and exhibitors were very good.

2015 will be fifth year for airshow, 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary for the airport, remodeling of the terminal building and the 10/28 runway project will be completed.

Crowley – Congratulations to the Wings Over Waukesha Board of Directors and President for a safe air show. It was a great show.

Bluemke – There were many local planes in the show that was very good.

Betzler – Operation of the airshow was the best.

### **Future Agenda Items**

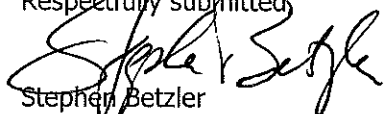
Invite City of Waukesha Mayor to visit/tour the airport.  
Restaurant at Airport

### **Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Betzler with second by Vice-chairman Bluemke. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned 8:40 a.m.

Next meeting: Wednesday, October 8, 2014 at 8:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Stephen Betzler  
Secretary  
Airport Operations Commission  
September 10, 2014